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MISSOULA--

Prints produced by the Works Progress Administration Art Project during the Depression will be exhibited in eight Montana communities from Oct. 1, 1980, through Sept. 15, 1981.

The exhibition is made up of works selected from more than 100 WPA-project prints in the permanent collection of the School of Fine Arts at the University of Montana.

The WPA art project began in 1935 and by 1936 employed 6,000 artists. Their murals and sculptures remain in many courthouses, post offices and other public buildings throughout the United States. The project lasted until 1943.

Sister Kathryn Martin, UM fine arts dean, said the prints chosen for the tour include many depicting typical Depression scenes, such as people in bread lines, on subways, in parks and in tenement settings. "Not all prints in the traveling show are illustrative of the thematic concerns of the thirties, however. The exhibition covers a cross section of subject matter."

The exhibition is sponsored by the UM School of Fine Arts and Department of Art and is supported by the Montana Arts Council, the National Endowment for the Arts and the Montana Art Gallery Directors Association.

The exhibition schedule: Western Montana College, Dillon, Oct. 1-31; Eastern Montana College, Billings, Nov. 15-Dec. 15; Custer County Art Center, Miles City, Jan. 1-31; Silver Bow Arts Chateau, Butte, Feb. 15-March 15; Paris Gibson Square, Great Falls, April 1-31; Liberty Village Art Center, Chester, May 15-June 15; J. K. Ralston Museum and Art Center, Sidney, July 1-31; Missoula Museum of the Arts, Aug. 15-Sept. 15.